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**Douglas D. Dodd**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Tulane 1977 BA; Stanford 1982 JD  
Began Service: May 2, 2002

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Stone, Pigman, Walther, Wittmann & Hutchinson, L.L.P.

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**Richard T. Haik, Sr.**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Southwestern Louisiana 1971 BS;  
Loyola U (New Orleans) 1975 JD  
Began Service: June 14, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, Louisiana District Court (1984-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Haik & Broussard (1975-1979); Partner, Haik, Broussard & Haik (1979-1981); Partner, Haik, Haik & Minvielle (1981-1984); Partner, Verret Partnership (1982-1985)

**Military Service:** Louisiana National Guard (1971-1978); United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1978-1984)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Fifth Circuit District Judges Association; Iberia Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; State Bench Bar Committee, Louisiana State Bar Association

### Staff

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**Rebecca F. Doherty**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
Education: Northwestern State 1973 BA, 1975 MA; LSU 1981 JD  
Began Service: November 18, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Onebane, Donohoe, Bernard, Torian, Diaz, McNamara & Abell (1981-1991)

**Current Memberships:** Acadian Association of Women Attorneys; American Bar Association; Lafayette Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

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**Robert G. James**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Louisiana Tech 1968 BA; LSU 1971 JD  
Began Service: October 31, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Judicial:** Judge (part time), Ruston City Court (1985-1998); Judge Pro Tempore, Supreme Court of Louisiana, Lincoln and Union Parishes (1993-1997)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (1971-1972); Partner, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (and successor firms) (1972-1985)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judges Association; Louisiana Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Tech University Foundation; The Nature Conservancy

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**Dee D. Drell**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: November 4, 1947  
Education: Tulane 1968 BA, 1971 JD  
Began Service: May 9, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Gravel, Roy and Burnes (1975-1981); Member, Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell (1981-2003)

**Military Service:** Judge Advocate General, United States Army (1971-1975)

**Current Memberships:** Alexandria Bar Association; American Bar Association; The Crossroads Inn of Court of Alexandria-Pineville, The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; Louisiana State Bar Association

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**S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: December 5, 1952  
Education: Texas Christian 1974 BA; LSU 1977 JD  
Began Service: June 12, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Staff Attorney, Louisiana Legislature (1975-1977)

**Current Memberships:** Louisiana State Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

**Profession:** Private Practice (1977-2003)

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**Patricia Head Minaldi**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: September 12, 1958  
Education: Wesleyan U 1980 BA; Tulane 1983 JD  
Began Service: June 16, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Orleans Parish, New Orleans (1983-1986); Assistant Attorney General, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana (1986-1996)

**Judicial:** Judge, 14th Judicial District of Louisiana (1996-2003)

**Current Memberships:** Louisiana State Bar Association; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

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**Donald E. Walter**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
Education: LSU 1961 BA, 1964 JD  
Began Service: July 15, 1985  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Centenary College

**Government:** U.S. Attorney, Louisiana - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1969-1977)

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